

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraphs [0010] and [0011] with the following amended paragraphs:

Thus, in accordance with one aspect, the invention relates to a triggerless back tension release for use with a bow string comprising a handle; a release head assembly including a rope loop and a first component pivotally mounted relative to a portion of the handle, the first component carrying a sear element having a sear edge and a hook adapted for receiving the rope loop; a locking rod located in the handle portion and actuated by a lever in the handle portion to engage and lock a second component of the release head assembly relative to the ~~first component~~ handle, the second component arranged to interact with the sear edge and to release the sear element and thereby release the bow string upon movement of the handle.

In accordance with another aspect, the invention relates to a triggerless back tension release for use with a bow string comprising a handle; a release head assembly including a rope loop and a first component pivotally mounted relative to a portion of the handle, the first component comprising a yoke having a pair of laterally spaced sides and ears depending from the sides, and a first pin extending through the ears and the portion of the handle to thereby pivotally mount the yoke to the portion of the handle; a sear element located between the laterally spaced sides and pivotally mounted to the yoke by a

second pin extending through the sides and the sear element, the sear element having a sear edge and a hook adapted for receiving the rope loop; a pawl head located between the laterally spaced ears and carried by the first pin, the pawl head having a pawl edge arranged to interact with the sear edge and thereby free the sear element for rotation permitting the rope loop to escape the rope hook; and a locking rod located in the handle and actuated by a lever in the handle, the locking rod adapted to engage and lock the ~~sear element~~ pawl head relative to the ~~yoke~~ handle.